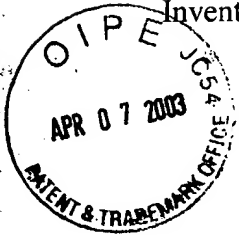


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RESPONSE to Requirement for Restriction Under 37 USC § 1.142 and Request for Extension of Time Under 37 USC § 1.136

[X] The shortened statutory period for response to this Office Action **has**/not expired. Applicant requests a One (1) month extension of time to respond. The fee for such One (1) month extension is included herewith. With the One (1) month extension the response is due on or before March 30, 2003.

Responsive to the Official Action of January 30, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Request For Reconsideration and Provisional Election of Species

In response to the requirement to elect a species of the invention to prosecute on the merits, Applicants provisionally elect group I, which includes Figures 1-6, 5A, 6B-G, 7 and 7A,

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